

REMARKS

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

During an Interview with the Examiner, an agreement with respect to the amended claims was reached. In addition, it was agreed that a terminal disclaimer and certain section 132 affidavits associated with parent application 09/225,198 be filed in this application.

Claims 1, 5, 22, 26, 47, 51, 53 and 54 have been amended to more clearly define aspects of the invention. Claim 33 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 48 has been canceled. No new matter has been added. Hence, Claims 1-47 and 49-56 are pending in the Application.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed May 11, 2004 is addressed hereinafter. It is respectfully submitted that the rejections of all presently pending claims are overcome for reasons given hereafter.

SUMMARY OF REJECTIONS

In the Office Action claims 22, 24, 25, 47, 49, 50 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being unpatentable over "An Open Agent Architecture" by Cohen.

Claims 1-5, 14-21, 26-46, 51, 52, and 54-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "An Open Agent Architecture" by Cohen in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,155 issued to Kiss.

Claims 6-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen in view of Kiss, and further in view of "Development Tools for the Open Agent Architecture" by Martin.

Claims 23 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,819 issued to Buckle.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

CLAIMS 1, 22, 26, 47, 51, 53 and 54

Claim 1 recites in part, the features:

"using an interagent Communication Language (ICL), wherein the ICL includes:
a layer of conversational protocol defined by event types and parameter
lists associated with one or more of the events, wherein the
parameter lists further refine the one or more events."

Neither *Cohen*, *KISS*, *Martin* nor *Buckle*, either alone or in combination, disclose, teach, suggest or make obvious the above novel features of claim 1. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 22, 26, 47, 51, 53 and 54, each contain similar features regarding using an interagent Communication Language (ICL) that includes a layer of conversational protocol defined by event types and parameter lists associated with one or more of the events, and wherein the parameter lists further refine the one or more events. Thus, Claims 22, 26, 47, 51, 53 and 54 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 1.

CLAIMS 2-21, 23-25, 27-46, 52, and 55-56

Claims 2-21 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 1 and include all the limitations of Claim 1 and therefore are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 1.

Claims 23-25 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 22 and include all the limitations of Claim 22 and therefore are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 22.

Claims 27-46 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 26 and include all the limitations of Claim 26 and therefore are allowable for at least the

reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 26.

Claims 49-50 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 47 and include all the limitations of Claim 47 and therefore are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 47.

Claim 52 is directly dependent upon Claim 51 and includes all the limitations of Claim 51 and therefore is allowable for at least the reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 51.

Claims 55-56 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 54 and include all the limitations of Claim 54 and therefore are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein in respect to Claim 54.

CONCLUSION

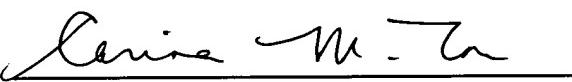
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4311.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
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